



# NAMING CONVENTIONS

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Transactional Facility Management Standard  
(FMSFIE) for Facilities, Infrastructure, &  
Environment

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# Purpose

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- Incorporate DISA naming conventions, where appropriate.
- Provide a consistent means of abbreviating data names to a reasonable length without sacrificing readability.
- Develop a methodology to migrate legacy data into a Facility, Infrastructure, & Environment (FIE) enterprise approach.



# Goals

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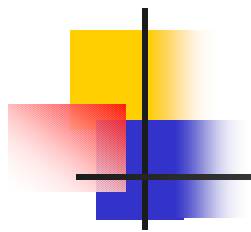
- Be flexible enough to accommodate other corporate businesses.
- Reduce redundancy, inconsistency, and maintenance costs.
- Improve communication/coordination between decision makers.
- Improve information interoperability.



# General Guidelines

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- Use DISA data element naming guidelines.
- Ensure data names, definitions, and abbreviations are used consistently within the FMSFIE.
- Common names should reflect the user's view.



# FMSFIE Table Naming Conventions



# FMSFIE Table Naming

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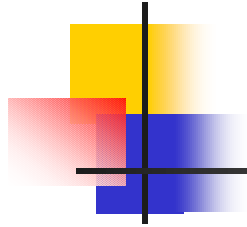
- Logical Data Model Name
  - Composed of the Family name followed by a space followed by the Common name (ex. Water Tank)
  - Limited to 75 characters in length
- Common Name (FMSFIE Data Library)
  - Named so that it is meaningful to user
  - Limited to 50 characters in length



# FMSFIE Table Naming

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- Physical Database Table Name
  - Composed of the abbreviations of the following:
    - Set (2 characters) – AM = Asset Management
    - Class (3 characters) – FAC = Facility
    - Sub-Class (3 characters) – UTL = Utilities
    - Family (3 characters) – WAT = Water System
    - Common Name (3 characters) - TNK = Tank
  - Has the abbreviations concatenated together without any spaces (ex. AMFACUTLWATTNK)
  - Limited to 14 characters in length



# FMSFIE Attribute Naming Conventions





# FMSFIE Logical Data Model

## Attribute Naming

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- Use the DISA data element (attribute) name if one exists
- Otherwise, follow DISA data element (attribute) naming conventions
- Name is Composed of the following:
  - Logical Data Model Table name – Water Tank
  - Property Modifier (optional) – Install
  - Class Modifier (optional) - Start
  - DISA Class Word – Date



# FMSFIE Logical Data Model

## Attribute Naming (continued)

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- Example - Water Tank Install Start Date
- Limited to 100 characters in length
- Attribute Logical Name must be unique within the data table.



# FMSFIE Common Attribute Naming (FMSFIE Data Library)

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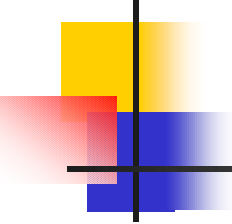
- Composed of at least two of the following:
  - Common Table Name (optional) - Tank
  - Property Modifier (optional) - Install
  - Class Modifier (optional) - Start
  - DISA Class Word (recommended) - Date
- Example – Tank Install Start Date
- Attribute Common Name must be unique within the data table.



# FMSFIE Common Attribute Naming (FMSFIE Data Library) (continued)

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- Limited to 100 characters in length.
- Named so that it is meaningful to user.



# FMSFIE Physical Database

## Attribute Naming

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- Use the DISA data element (attribute) access name if one exists
- Otherwise, the name will be composed of the abbreviations of the following (at least one of the optional abbreviations is required):
  - Table Name (optional) - TNK
  - Property Modifier (optional) - INSTL
  - Class Modifier (optional) - START
  - DISA Class Word - DT
- Example – TNK\_INSTL\_START\_DT



# FMSFIE Physical Database Attribute Naming (continued)

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- Limited to 30 characters in length.
- Separate abbreviations with underscores.
- Keys (primary or foreign) will not be specified with a particular class word (I.e., not with \_id).
- Fields with associated domain (reference) tables will not be specified with a particular class word or abbreviation (I.e. not with \_d or \_cd).
- DISA class words may be used in the Physical Attribute Name other than in the last three positions. DISA class word abbreviations shall be used in physical attribute names.



# Naming Abbreviation Guidelines for Physical Attribute Names

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- Sources
- Methodology Guidelines



# Sources

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- DISA Defense Data Dictionary System (DDDS)
- Current SDSFIE/FMSFIE (Release 2.10)
- Current A/E/C CADD Standards (Release 2.00)
- Established Oxford English Dictionary (OED) abbreviations
- If not in OED, then use CADD/GIS selected established Federal Agency abbreviations.





# Methodology Guidelines

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- Use CADD/GIS Documented Naming Conventions and Rules
  - Abbreviate words more than 5 characters
  - Establish the “root” word
  - Apply the shortening and/or the discarding process
  - Do not abbreviate colors.
- An updated version will be distributed with each Release.



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# FMSFIE Domain Value Naming Conventions



# FMSFIE Physical Database

## Domain Value Naming

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- Use industry or established Federal Agency values (codes), if exist
- Provide number, alphanumeric value, & description/definition in standard.
- Provide 3 types of Domain Tables:
  - System – User cannot change or add to values
  - Local – Each local organization populates values
  - Modifiable – User can add values to table



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# FMSFIE Naming Conventions - Summary



# FMSFIE Data Standard - Summary

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- Use existing CADD/GIS Center data standards as a baseline
- Maintain and utilize a configuration control process
- Provide integration with SDSFIE, AEC, & future Object data standards